

The changes you are trying to implement are dangerous to democracy and the free flow of ideas.. As a graduate of the Radio-TV Department of Syracuse University, I have a thorough background in the abuses possible should you implement your plans. As a long-time worker in broadcast and cable-tv I have seen abuses in person. Not only is there danger to freedom of information flow but there will be an even greater loss of employment than there has been thus far. I have seen this first hand as a result of the consolidation of WWOR-TV and WNYW-TV of NY not to mention the UHF station in Baltimore whose call letters I cannot recall. All three stations will be run out of the same control room in Secaucus, NJ. Channel 5 and 9 are already duplicating programs on their air. If this is prohibited on AM and FM, why should it happen in broadcast TV? Cities such as Syracuse, NY may wind up with news from one readily available source. The dangers of the situation are so patently obvious that this should be a "no-brainer". Just don't do it!